

## Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Council Chambers, The Moor, Falmouth

Present:	Pete Lochrie <b>(PL)</b> (acting Chair)	Swanpool Forum
	Clare Lewis <b>(CL)</b> (acting Vice Chair)	Prislow Woods
	David Yelland <b>(DY)</b> (acting Secretary)	Swanpool Forum
	Euan McPhee <b>(EM)</b>	Friends of Tregonigge Woodland
	Ken Reid <b>(KR)</b>	Friends of Tregonigge Woodland
	Jennifer Carter <b>(JC)</b>	Prislow Woods
	Cllr Tony Parker <b>(TP)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
	Simon Penna <b>(SP)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
	Jacqui Owen <b>(JO)</b>	Falmouth Town Council
	Tony Arden <b>(TA)</b>	Environment Agency
	Gitty Ankers <b>(GA)</b>	Environment Agency
	Jay Gidman <b>(JG)</b>	Falmouth Civic Society
	Nick Jemmett <b>(NJ)</b>	Falmouth Allotments Association
	Bob Mahoney <b>(BM)</b>	Environmental Consultant
	Sue Scott <b>(SS)</b>	Fal/Helford SAC

### 1) Welcome & Introductions

**PL** welcomed all present to the meeting and outlined the principal purpose of the new group which was to promote and oversee the conservation of the Falmouth Green Corridor, as detailed in the draft terms of reference and proposal document circulated with the agenda.

### 2) Apologies for Absence

Kath Statham - Cornwall Council, Gavin Henderson - Cormac, Danny Konick - Cormac.

(Nick Marriott - Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Beth Tonkin - Natural England indicated that they could not attend meetings but would support the group and would like to remain as corresponding members. Jules Florey of South West Water declined an invitation to attend)

### 3) Review and Approval of Constitution/Terms of Reference (circulated with agenda)

The Constitution was reviewed and agreed, with the proviso that a clause be added to indicate that the document should be regularly reviewed and that any changes should be subject to the approval of the Forum.

All present were asked to consider if there are other organisations/ individuals who should be asked to join the Forum. Any nominations will be considered at the next meeting.

Note: As a comment to the conservation aims of the forum, the policy for reporting pollution incidents was outlined by TA, with GA kindly offering to circulate brief guidance notes on the matter.

**4) Review & Approval of Falmouth Green Corridor proposal document (circulated with agenda)**

This proposal will be embedded in the Falmouth Neighbourhood Development Plan which, hopefully, will be formally adopted later this year.

The proposal document was approved in principal with the proviso that the East Rise allotments be added as a constituent area of the green corridor, and on the understanding that the document may be modified/expanded as agreed by the Forum.

**5) Reports of founding Constituent Groups (Friends of Tregoniggie Woodland, Prislow Woods Community Project, Swanpool Forum.)**

Report by EM - Friends of Tregoniggie Woodland.

- . Continuing with conservation work and upgrading pathways.
- . Working on a project to erect a wood sculpture using a tree at Trelissick as the foundation (funds needed to transport the tree)
- . Annual woodland Fair being held this weekend

Report by CL - Prislow Woods Community Project

- . Clearing invasive species, dealing with fly-tipping
- . Meeting monthly and holding coffee mornings
- . Holding discussions with Cornwall Council and South West Water to gain approval for new pathways

Report by PL - Swanpool Forum

- . Continuing programme of coppicing to encourage reed growth.
- . Notices erected warning of garden waste tipping and inappropriate feeding of wildlife.
- . Invasive species survey conducted; removal plan to be actioned in consultation with Natural England

**6) Falmouth Green Corridor Forum - Action Plan**

A number of potential actions and projects were discussed, in addition to those contained in the proposal document. In particular, it was suggested that an education programme be prepared to inform residents of the catchment area of the Bickland Stream and how their actions could influence its conservation. (Estimated that up to one third of Falmouth's population lived within the stream's catchment area). A further proposal recommended a lobbying campaign to compel the planning authorities to impose greater duties on developers to protect the stream from pollution,

It was agreed that **DY** would prepare a table giving brief details of all the projects mentioned together with possible funding sources. The table would be circulated to all Forum members to add comments and/or additional projects. The proposals would then be discussed in more detail at the next meeting and a project priority list agreed.

**7) Appointment of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)**

Those serving as acting officers during the formation stage of the Forum were elected to serve in these positions for the coming year. Additionally, it was agreed to fill the post of Treasurer. Consequently, the officers elected to serve the Forum for the coming year, until the first AGM in 2020, were as follows:

Chair	Pete Lochrie <b>(PL)</b>
Vice-Chair	Clare Lewis <b>(CL)</b>
Treasurer	Jay Gidman <b>(JG)</b>
Secretary	David Yelland <b>(DY)</b>

**8) Any Other Business**

**BM** will liaise with **JO** to discuss the possibility of the Swanpool Forum video being shown in local schools.

**9) Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 commencing 10.30 p.m. in the council chambers on The Moor